

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

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Please amend the Specification on page 14 beginning at line 1 as follows:

The combustion furnace 14 was activated, whereby the internal temperature of the thermally treating tower 10 was raised in advance to, and maintained at, approximately 500°C. In this temperature atmosphere, a total of two hundred seatbelt pretensioners 30 were introduced into the thermally treating tower 10 through the seatbelt pretensioner introducing port 12 in ten batches at six-minute intervals. Following introduction of the tenth batch of seatbelt pretensioners 30, the internal temperature of the thermally treating tower 10 was maintained at 500°C for approximately 25 minutes. Note that the time required to treat twenty seatbelt pretensioners 30 was determined, as a result of experiment, to be between 114 and 484 seconds, and therefore high-temperature treatment of the ~~inflator~~ seatbelt pretensioners 30 was completed by maintaining the interior of the thermally treating tower 10 at the predetermined temperature for approximately 6 to 24 minutes.